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1. IF THERE IS STILL TIME, AND SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF DEPARTMENT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH BE INSERTED INTO THIS POST'S PARM SUBMISSION (REFTEL) RIGHT AFTER THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF PART I C WHICH ENDS "...SOVIET VISITS IN THE NAME OF NON-ALIGNMENT."

2. QUOTE: PARA: A DIALOGUE ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST OUTSIDE THE FIELD OF OUR IMMEDIATE BILATERAL PROBLEMS SHOULD OF COURSE BE PURSUED PENDING THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. IN FACT, APPROPRIATE USG ATTENTION TO MADAGASCAR AND ITS VIEWS ON SUBJECTS OF CURRENT INTEREST COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A BETTER BILATERAL ATMOSPHERE AND A CONSEQUENTLY MORE CONCILIATORY DRM ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR BILATERAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THEIR RESOLUTION. THIS DIALOGUE AND ATTENTION TO MADAGASCAR CAN NORMALLY BE PURSUED THROUGH OUR PRESENT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS AT THE BUREAU LEVEL AND BY SOME SELECTIVE COVERAGE OF MALAGASY DEVELOPMENTS BY VOA.

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PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT INITIATIVE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN PROVIDES A GOOD DEPARTURE POINT FOR DISCUSSION OF A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO THE DRM AND MIGHT EVEN JUSTIFY THE TRAVEL OF A SPECIAL USG EMISSARY TO THIS REGION FOR THE PURPOSE. ATTENTION BY VOA TO THE PRESENTLY ONGOING REORGANIZATION OF THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT COULD DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING US INTEREST IN MADAGASCAR DESPITE OUR STRAINED

RELATIONS. THE EMBASSY WILL BE SUBMITTING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR ACTION IN THESE TWO FIELDS. END QUOTE.

3. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1 C BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

4. QUOTE: PARA: EARLY DECISIONS REQUIRED FROM WASHINGTON WILL CONCERN THE TACTICS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER NASA, AS NEW MALAGASY OFFERS OR COUNTEROFFERS ARE RECEIVED, AND THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE EMBASSY ON INDIAN OCEAN DISCUSSIONS AND VOA COVERAGE. END QUOTE.

5. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1 C, BEGINNING "THE ABOVE COURSES OF ACTION" REMAINS AS IS. BARRETT

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